NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the House. It reads thus:—

> "I beg to move for the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz*., the serious consequences resulting from the decision of Government to undertake the preparation and publication of Malayalam Text-Books for certain classes in Schools in a manner highly detrimental to the growth and development of Malayalam Language and Literature and impropriety of the Government entering into competition with private enterprises."

Will the Director of Public Instruction explain what the position is, before I decide about the admissibility of the motion?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, the decision of Government to undertake the preparation and publication of Malayalam Text-Books was made about 20 years ago. Since 1916 when the contract of Messrs. Mac Millan and Longman expired, Government have been having their own Readers for Vernacular Schools and they are printed and published under Government agency. The present proposal, Sir, is only a very moderate extension of this scheme which has been in existence for the last 20 years. What is now proposed is to prescribe Government readers for English Middle Schools also.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Is it only Malayalam readers?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Only Malayalam readers are involved. For the six classes of Vernacular Schools we were having it for the last 20 years.

PRESIDENT: That is supplied by Government?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Published and supplied by Government.

PRESIDENT: For how many classes?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): For the first six classes. What is now proposed is to introduce Government readers for 4 classes in English Middle Schools, two of them to be prepared and two to be chosen from the Government readers in use in Vernacular Schools. I submit therefore, Sir, that this matter is not one of recent occurrence in which any new decision or policy is involved. What the Government have decided is only an extension, a very moderate extension, of the old policy that has been working for the last 20 years. Further, Government in their recent order have very carefully safeguarded the interests of Malayalam literature because final orders have now been passed that this policy of prescribing Government Readers will not apply to the higher classes of English Schools or Vernacular Schools.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether there is any reason for not extending it in case of higher classes also?

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MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In the case of 7th, 8th and 9th classes of the Vernacular Schools and the 4th, 5th and 6th Forms of the English Schools, Government do not propose to have Government Readers at all and that is done with a view to foster the growth of Vernacular literature. I submit, therefore, that the matter is not one of recent occurrence and that it is not one of sufficient public importance to justify an adjournment motion.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, if remuneration is guaranteed, whether Government expect that they will get the proper quality of Text-Books from people who supply them?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, that is the proposal now.

PRESIDENT: In view of the statement that has been made by the Director of Public Instruction, two prominent facts emerge. First is, and that is an essential fact, that it is not a matter of recent occurrence, in that, according to the statement of the Director, Government have been supplying their Readers for the last 20 years. They have been supplying these Readers in the case of six different classes and all that is now proposed to be done is to extend the system in case of two other classes: ultimately of course, the higher classes will be left as a reserve ground for Malayalam literature. In view of all these circumstances I cannot regard this matter as a matter of recent occurrence and of sufficient public importance. I would therefore disallow the motion.

RESULT OF THE ELECTION TO THE AGRICULTURAL BOARD.

PRESIDENT: Now, I have to announce to the House the result of election which took place last evening to the Agricultural Board. I am glad to find that there was a real appreciation of the importance of the membership on the future Agricultural Board because I find that votes were recorded in favour of no less than 27 members. As the number of vacancies to be filled up is only five, the first five will naturally get it. But I find that there was a tie and that again perhaps for the first time, between candidates 5 and 6 which necessitated casting of lots. Fortune favoured one of the two and I shall pronounce his name for information with the rest. These gentlemen have obtained the highest number of votes.

1. Mr. Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai,
2. Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai,
3. Mr. T. T. Kesavan Sastri,
4. Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai, and
5. Mr. K. R. Elenkath, under the process that I referred to.

These five will therefore be deemed to have been elected members to the Agricultural Board.

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